

FREESTYLE ALBERTA SELECTION CRITERIA

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This document deals with the selection of athletes from the Province of Alberta:

- To compete at the Alberta Championships
- To compete at the Alberta Winter Games
- To compete at the Canada Winter Games
- To compete at the Junior National Championships
- To compete at the Canadian National Championships
- To compete at the Canadian Series or Canadian Open Tour
- For selection to the Alberta Provincial Teams
- For Distribution of Canada West Passes.
- For National Sport School sport approval

2.0 RANKING LISTS

For the purpose of ranking Alberta athletes, the Alberta division will recognize the following events:

- Alberta Provincials
- Canadians Series and Canadian Open Tour
- Canada Winter Games
- FIS NorAm competitions
- Junior National Championships
- Canadian National Championships
- Junior World Championships
- FIS World Cup events
- World Championships
- AFP World Tour Finals- if applicable
- Dew Tour Qualifier -if applicable
- Aspen Open

Three ranking lists will be established for each discipline (Moguls, Big Air/Slopestyle, and Halfpipe) one for male athletes and one for female athletes. All eligible athletes will be ranked by discipline, regardless of the age category they represent. Comparing the athlete's next highest RPA scores will break ties on the ranking lists.

3.0 ALBERTA RPA RANKING LIST

While doing the data entry for RPA rankings and a situation arises that proves that the written rules are clearly not the fair way to do the rankings, the RPA committee will take the situation to the ADC via email to get a vote on a fair way of completing the rankings.

RPA stands for Rating Points Average. It is the basis for ranking Alberta athletes in moguls, slopestyle and half pipe. RPA is determined by awarding the best score an RPA of 1000. All other scores will then be a percentage of the best score. In other words, we divide all the scores by the winning score.

For example: the best score of a mogul run is 24.6. This score results in an RPA of 1000 (Winner = 1000). The next best score is 23.1. $23.1 \div 24.6 = 0.939$. The RPA will be 939. Once all scores are converted to RPA they are ranked from highest to lowest.

Two ranking lists are established one for male athletes and one for female athletes using results from recognized pro or FC or FIS sanctioned events of Provincial level or higher. Using only the RPA, regardless of the age category they represent, will rank all eligible athletes.

For all disciplines, for events that use solely the best of 2 run format; when calculating the RPA only the result/score will be used for the RPA calculation for a given event.

For all Disciplines, for events that use the qualification round format; each round will be entered as their own event. Each round will compare scores to that round's winning score and not to the final round's winning score to calculate the RPA. Athletes will only use their best RPA from the event. In events where there is more than 1 round and rounds occur over multiple days, an athlete will still use their best RPA from the entire event.

Note: Half Pipe events will use best of 2 runs formats within the elimination round format, in this case an athlete will still just use one RPA from the entire event but can use their higher RPA from the entire event.

Dual Moguls – where Dual Moguls is run using the single moguls qualifier format (all athletes perform 1 single mogul run, the athletes making finals dual) scores from the single mogul run will be used on the Alberta Ranking List.

4.0 WEIGHTING OF MOGUL COMPETITIONS

Mogul events are given different values. The skill level and depth of field varies from one event to another.

Example: If an athlete wins an Alberta Championship, they get an RPA of 1000. If an athlete wins a NORAM they get an RPA of 1000. The Alberta Championship is then weighted 60%. Therefore, the winner of an Alberta Championship's RPA is now corrected to = 600.

Canadian Championships 100%

Provincials: 60%

Provincial with top RPA

attending: 70% Jr.

Nationals: 75%

Canadian Series

80% Canada

Winter Games:

80% Canadian

Selection 85%

Nor Am 100%

Jr. World Champs 100%

- When the top 10 men and top 5 women from the current Alberta RPA ranking list are present at Alberta Provincials the value of the event increases by 10% In the case where just a few of the top athletes are present each athlete represents 1% for men and 2% for women until the max of 70% is reached.
- The RPA list from the previous season will be used to seed quota spots (10 female and 30 male) for the first and second provincial series competitions; for the final Alberta Championships the current year RPA ranking list will be used.
- In elimination rounds all results will be weighted an additional 2% when calculating the FA RPA.
- Athletes will only be allowed to use 1 RPA from a competition. RPA calculations will automatically use the higher RPA from a competition. This applies to all competition formats.

5.0 WEIGHTING OF HALFPIPE and BIG AIR/SLOPESTYLE COMPETITIONS

Halfpipe and slopestyle events are given different values. The skill level and depth of field varies from one event to another.

Example: If an athlete wins an Alberta Championship, they get an RPA of 1000.

If an athlete wins a NORAM they get an RPA of 1000. The Alberta Championship is then weighted 60%. Therefore, the winner of an Alberta Championship's RPA is now corrected to = 600.

90/95/100% (qualifiers/semis/finals) for World Cup, and pro events 90/95% (semi/final) for Jr. World Champs

85/90% (semi/finals) for NorAm's

75/80% (qual/finals) for Canada Winter

Games 75% for Junior Nationals

75/80% (qual/finals) for Canadian Open Tour and National Championships 60% for Provincials

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- The RPA list from the previous season will be used to seed quota spots (10 female and 30 male) for the first and second provincial series competitions; for the final Alberta Championships the current year RPA ranking list will be used.

Top score of the round will be used to calculate the RPA

6.0 AGE CATEGORIES

Athlete's age for purpose of categories is determined by their age on Jan 1st of the current competition season.

U20 is 19 and 18 years of age

U18 is 17 and 16 years of age

U16 is 15 and 14 years of age

U14 is 13 and 12 years of age

U12 is 11 and 10 years of age

U10 is 9 years of age and younger

7.0 PROVINCIALS & ALBERTA CHAMPIONSHIPS

There are two provincial competitions and an Alberta Championships held annually. Athletes from all over Alberta compete against each other. Athletes who wish to qualify for higher-level competitions and to make the Alberta Team must perform well at these events.

Moguls: There will be best of two runs format with a maximum of 80 athletes competing. Scoring may provide a paper cut of 16 men and 8 females after the first run that will compete first in reverse order for the second mogul run, followed by the rest of the field. If scoring is unable to provide these results in sufficient time, the second run will proceed using the same run order as the first run.

The first and second provincial events will seed 50% of the spots based on ratio of field for men (30 spots) and women (10 spots) from the previous year's Alberta ranking, excluding current Alberta Mogul Team athletes, and the remainder of the spots will be divided up among all the clubs on an equal basis, recognizing club participation in mogul events. The head coach of the club at event registration deadline will submit the names of unseeded athletes to fill their remaining spots. The host club will receive two additional spots for local participation. The current Alberta Mogul Team athletes will be additional to the field at provincial series. This allocation of quota spots lists will be reviewed, and the policy approved annually at the fall Athlete Development Committee meeting of coaches prior to the start of the competition season.

For Alberta Championships, the seeded quota spots will be recalculated using the current season's Alberta RPA rankings.

The time points for moguls at provincials will be the same as Junior Nationals.

Dual Moguls will be run by elimination format seeded from the single mogul event according to age category at the AB Championships.

Big Air, Slopestyle and Half Pipe will typically be the best score from 2 runs. Results will be determined by the best score of the day for each athlete.

Age Categories: To ensure consistency of judging, the mogul events will be run women and then men. For slopestyle/big air events utilizing heats, greater consistency may be achieved if older age categories of male athletes are judged in the first heat, with younger males and females following. Awards will be presented to the top 3 men and women in each discipline. As well

awards will be presented in age categories (U20, U18, U16 and U14).

Non-Alberta athletes are permitted to compete at Alberta provincial series events provided:

- a) They have current FC registration with minimum Provincial licenses.
- b) Alberta athletes are given first right of refusal to enter the event up to the set maximum entries as set out in the selection criteria
- c) Entries for non-Alberta athletes will only be accepted prior to the event. Their spot will be guaranteed coinciding with the early registration deadline.

8.0 ALBERTA WINTER GAMES

It is the goal of the Alberta Sport Connection to promote and facilitate a multi-sport event for Alberta's Youth for the enhancement of sport development. The purpose of the Alberta Winter Games (AWG) is:

- To provide a competitive opportunity for developing Train to Train athletes
- To motivate Albertans to achieve a higher level of physical fitness
- To assist athletes with the interest and ability to work toward their maximum potential
- To provide competition that will serve the developmental needs for each sport throughout Alberta
- To showcase the talents of Albertans in a wide range of sport and activities
- To develop the cultural and social components as an enhancement to Games in Alberta
- To provide each hosting community with a legacy of experienced volunteers and upgrade facilities

Events for 2020 AWG

- Slopestyle – Two (2) runs, best run counts
- Halfpipe Two (2) runs, best run counts
- Moguls – Two (2) run, best run counts:
- All Alberta Winter Games competitors will compete in all three events.

Age Categories & Medals:

U16 age category: athletes born in 2002-2003

U14 age category: athletes born in 2004-2005

Zone Affiliation

Generally, each athlete should compete for the zone in which their designated club ski hill is located.

2020 AWG Zones have been assigned as follows:

- Zone 1 – Castle Mountain Freestyle and Fernie Freestyle
- Zone 2 – Southern Alberta Freestyle and Calgary Freeriderz
- Zone 3 – WinSport
- Zone 4 – Central Alberta Freestyle and Bow Valley Freestyle
- Zone 5 – Jasper Freeride
- Zone 6 – Edmonton Freestyle
- Zone 7 – Tawatinaw Valley Freestyle and Valley Ski Club
- Zone 8 – Northern Extreme

Selection Process

The eligible qualifier events for the next Alberta Winter Games will be determined in accordance with the final events schedule for that season. The next Alberta Winter Games is scheduled for (Q11 2020)

Each zone is allowed (8) eight spots – six (6) males and two (2) females. Within each zone: for males, the best three mogul skiers and the best three slopestyle skiers will qualify; for females, the best mogul and the best slopestyle athletes will qualify.

Age categories will not be factored in.

At the games selected athletes are expected to participate in all disciplines of our sport.

Fill Policy – Unused zone spots are transferable to another zone, within genders and based on results from the Qualifiers, to fill the Alberta Winter Games field. The first unused spots are allocated to the freestyle athletes with best rankings at the AWG Qualifiers until all zones are filled.

Zones requesting additional spots are to apply to the Provincial Sport Advisor.

Eligibility of Alberta Games Competitors

- Competitors shall be open to Albertans whose major domicile has been the province of Alberta for a period of (6) months prior to the Games, with the following exceptions.
 - o Students residing in Alberta but studying outside the province are eligible to qualify.
 - o Members and dependents of members of the Canadian Armed Forces residing in Alberta, who have been posted to a location within Alberta for a minimum of six (6) months, are eligible to qualify.
 - o Athletes residing at an address outside the Province of Alberta are eligible for the Alberta Games if they meet both of the following conditions
 - They reside near the Alberta boundary and associate primarily with Albertans in league, school, or team play;

- They do not compete in any leagues, provincial play downs or Provincial Games of any other province and are eligible for membership in the Alberta Freestyle Skiing Association.

The Provincial Sport Association and the Alberta Sport Connection must approve teams and individuals in the above situations, before entering zone playoffs.

- Athletes will compete for the club in which they are registered with and clubs will be allocated to zones as of January 15, 2018 equitably according to the number of Can Free 1&2 and 3 licensed athletes, ensuring no more than 2 clubs per zone.
- Alberta Provincial Team and National Development Team member competitors or higher are not eligible to compete at AWG.
- The Provincial Sport Association must approve all athletes competing in the Games.
- Affiliation at the zone and provincial level is required. Athletes must have minimum FC CanFree 1&2 license membership.
- Athletes who have competed in the Canada Games are ineligible to compete in the Alberta Games in the same sport.
- Each athlete may participate in only ONE sport at the Alberta Winter Games.

Games Registration Fee and Deadline

- All zone team competitors, who qualify to compete at the 2018 Alberta Winter Games (excluding coaches and chaperones), are required to pay the individual registration fee of \$TBD. This fee will go towards offsetting the costs related to transportation accommodations, meals, zone identification vests, medals, athlete entertainment and sport competitions.
- All athletes, coaches and chaperones who will attend the 2018 Alberta Winter Games will be required to complete waivers and register online by January 15, 2018

Coaches & Chaperones

- All coaches and chaperones must be at least eighteen (18) years old by the start of the Alberta Games.
- Each zone team can have 3 staff consisting of coaches and chaperone(s), and at least one of the three must be female. At least one member per zone of the staff registered as coaches must be NCCP certified Club Coach.

9.0 JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Junior National Championship is an opportunity for U18, U16 and U 14 age category athletes from across Canada to compete against each other.

Determination of Provincial Quotas: The Canadian National Freestyle Ski Association establishes the allocation of divisional quotas for Junior Nationals. This allocation is based on a percentage of the total number of registered competitors in all FC divisions during the previous season. The number of divisional quotas in each discipline may vary depending on the maximum number of competitors that FC establishes for each event.

The quotas allocated to the Alberta Division are the property of FA. Only FA is empowered to select the athletes to fill the quotas allocated to the Alberta Division for Junior Nationals.

Unused quotas will be allocated by FC to divisions that request additional quotas on a first come first serve basis. If additional quotas are required, FC must be notified in writing as soon as possible.

Age Categories:

U14, U16 and U18

Eligibility for Selection to Junior Nationals: To be eligible for the selection of athletes to compete at Junior Nationals, an athlete must:

- a) Be a member in good standing with FA
- b) Meet the age requirements for Junior Nationals.
- c) For Jr. Nationals Wild Card selection, the athlete is required to be a current provincial or FIS license member of the FC.

Selection Process: Selection for Junior Nationals will be based off of the Alberta ranking list for each discipline. National Development Team athletes will automatically be awarded with an Alberta spot in their discipline if they do not have results that rank them on the AB Ranking list. All athletes eligible for selection will be ranked using their 2 highest ranking events, from any recognized pro or FC or FIS sanctioned events of Provincial level or higher from the current competition season up to the selection deadline set each year. If only one competition opportunity is offered in a discipline prior to the selection deadline all athletes will be able to pull their best RPA/score from the previous competition season.

Wild Card for Jr. Nationals:

For Junior Nationals, the last male and last female spot in each discipline quota will be reserved as a “wild card” spot. E.g. If the Quota for Moguls is 14

men and 4 Women, then the 14th spot for men and the 4th spot for women becomes the “Wild Card” spot. The Wild Card spot offers an opportunity for a proven competitive athlete who is injured, misses a competition, or who just had a poor performance. Wild Card selection will use the highest RPA from the current season combined with the highest RPA from the previous season. The Wild Card spot is then offered to the highest-ranking athlete on this list who has not yet been selected. If an athlete refuses their Wild Card spot, it goes to the next athlete on the Wild Card ranking list. In the case of a tie for the wild spot, the tied athletes’ pertinent RPA scores will be recalculated to an extra decimal place.

Assigning Quotas to Athletes: The procedure is as follows:

- 1) Identify the number of quotas assigned to the Alberta Division by discipline.
- 2) Identify if there are any National Development Team athletes who will require a spot for Junior Nationals.
- 3) Spots will be allocated in a 1:2 W/M ratio in the case of 15 spots or less. For 16 spots and more it will go to % of field ratio from current RPA.
- 4) Assign quotas of the male/female athletes on the basis of their ranking, and one wild card spot (the last selected spot as per the quota)
- 5) Athletes who cannot be offered Junior National spots because of quota limitations will be considered alternates. If an athlete offered a spot does not accept the offer within the determined deadline, or more quotas become available, then the spot will be offered to the next highest ranked athlete off of the list including a “wild card” RPA from last season.
- 6) The selection event cutoff date will be determined by the Athlete Development Committee each year during the fall ADC meeting. The team will be selected a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the 1st official training day of Jr. Nationals to allow for as many competitive opportunities as possible but travel should be taken into consideration as well.
- 7) If any changes are needed to alter the above, it will be done by a conference call involving the Athlete Development Committee and the FA Board.

10.0 WILD CARD

An athlete's Wild Card is their best RPA score from the previous season for each discipline (moguls, big air/slopestyle, aerials, halfpipe) in which they competed. Wild Cards are used for selection to specific events where stated Wild Card will be used, i.e. Jr. Nationals. The Wild Card spot is included to offer an opportunity for a proven competitor who is injured, misses a competition, or who just had a poor performance. Wild Card selection will use the highest RPA from the current season combined with the highest RPA from the previous season. The Wild Card spot is then offered to the highest-ranking athlete on this list who has not yet been selected. If an athlete refuses their Wild Card spot, it goes to the next athlete on the Wild Card ranking list. In the case of a tie for the wild spot, the tied athletes' pertinent RPA scores will be recalculated to an extra decimal place.

11.0 CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Canadian Championships attracts the best Freestyle Skiers in Canada including all the Canadian Olympic and World Champions.

Age Categories: There shall be no age categories for Canadian Championships.

Selection Process: Determined by the Canadian Freestyle Skiing Association.

Moguls: The total number of domestic quotas, including Alberta's quotas, is established by the FC. The Canadian Championship serves as the Grand Prix Final for the Mogul Canada Cup which also includes the Canada Cup (Canadian Selections event), Canadian Series, and Junior Nationals.

Aerials, Slopestyle, Half Pipe – These events have sometimes been open at Canadian Championships. Otherwise the FC sets selection criteria using a declared national ranking system. The total number of domestic quotas, including Alberta's quota, is established by the FC.

12.0 CANADIAN SERIES and CANADIAN OPEN TOUR

Moguls and Dual Moguls Canadian Series: Provincial Teams from across Canada compete against one another for recognition in the Canada Cup. The Canadian Series competitions are held annually, in the east and in the west. Top club mogul skiers from Alberta are also encouraged to compete at the Canadian Series events. The club head coach shall determine if athletes are ready to compete at this level and should recommend athletes to register. The National Development Mogul Team skiers may compete as well.

Slopestyle and Halfpipe Canadian Open Tour: Provincial Park and Pipe teams, elite club athletes, and Academy/ Institute teams typically compete in the Canadian Open Tour events held east and west. These events are usually Bronze, or Silver AFP ranked and therefore competitors in the pro category can obtain AFP points.

Age Categories: There shall be no age categories.

The FC document titled **Can Freestyle Competition Guidelines** (2015) on the freestyleski.com website provides information and criteria for these national level Canada Cup events that are suited to Train-to- Compete athletes.

13.0 CANADA WINTER GAMES

The next Canada Winter games will be held in 2023. Eligibility, Competitions, and Selection Criteria for Freestyle Skiing will be published in advance of the 2022-2023 season"

14.0 NORAM SPOTS

North American or NorAm Tour is an International FIS sanctioned event series. The series consists of 4 competitions held annually in Canada and the United States.

Each year, FC has the authority from FIS to allocate the NorAm quotas and entries to FIS level events. Athletes must have an active FIS License and FIS number and a FC FIS License with appropriate insurance if travelling out-of-country.

The FC High Performance Program retains the number of spots required for the National Team and Institute (NextGen) athletes. The remainder of the Quota spots will be allocated to the athletes as per

- a) 2019/2020 national HPP Ranking and then;
- b) 2019/2020 discipline specific Canada Cup ranking and then;
- c) One Wild Card spot per gender will be saved as the last spot to be allocated by the national HPP Selection Committee

15.0 EVENT SELECTION INJURY CLAUSE

If an athlete is unable to compete in a selection event due to injury/illness, results from the previous season can be used. Provided a) proper documentation from a medical doctor is supplied b) they have demonstrated to their club/team coach and the competition coach 14 days prior to the event that they can compete at the same skill level as their previous season results. Coaches must provide documentation of approval and parent approval.

The maximum amount of time an athlete can go back to use injury clause shall be one season as of December 1st of the previous season.

An injury clause request form needs to be filed before the next Provincial event or higher and submitted to FA .

16.0 ALBERTA TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

The Alberta Freestyle Ski Team comprises the best provincial Freestyle Skiers in the province that represent Alberta in Provincial, National and International competitions. The goal of the provincial team program is to advance the skills of the athletes and to offer high-level competition opportunities in a team atmosphere to ultimately qualify him/her for the National Program or highest FIS/International level of competition.

There must be at least 6 interested athletes that meet a minimum skill level to form a provincial team for any Freestyle discipline (Moguls, Aerials, Slopestyle, Halfpipe). A maximum team size will be decided based upon the number of eligible athletes and FA budget. Alberta will explore ways to support athletes in a discipline where there are not enough athletes to support a team. The number of available team spots will be divided by the percentage male/female participation (Ratio of Field) with a minimum of 2 female/ 2 male spots per discipline.

Once athletes are selected to the team in their discipline they will be encouraged to train with the other disciplines as a form of cross training to develop them as a well-rounded athlete.

Minimum Skill Level (MSL) athletes will be selected to fill spots as a priority.

In the case where there are no athletes who meet MSL to fill the team FA will

go to the next ranked athlete to be considered. To be considered there will be a screening process in which the AB Team coaches, the respective club coach, and the Executive Director will all assess whether the athlete is of the level to take part in the AB Team program.

Out of province athletes – To be considered for selection to the Alberta Team athletes must be a permanent residence of Alberta as of April 1st prior to the next competition season as determined by the Alberta Government. Alberta athletes are selected first. Out of province athletes, endorsed by the Alberta Team Coach, will be considered on a case by case review by the FA Board of Directors.

Aerials: Selection of Aerial athletes to the Alberta Team will be based off of the Alberta Aerial ranking list. All athletes eligible for selection will be ranked using their 3 highest ranking events, from any FC or FIS sanctioned events of Provincial series level or higher in the current competition season.

Minimum Skill Level – men and women must have completed 2 different inverted tricks successfully in competition.

Park & Pipe: Selection of slopestyle athletes to the Alberta Park & Pipe Team will be based off of the Alberta Slopestyle/Big Air ranking list which uses each athlete's 3 best RPA scores from 3 different events from any FC or FIS sanctioned events of Provincial series level or higher in the current competition season.

Minimum Skill Level - AB Park and Pipe Team 2020-2021

SLOPE

Men Air

All way 540's with grabs
2 out of 4 way off axis 9's
with grabs 1 Double Q on
Airbag or Water ramp

Rails

3 out of 4 way 2's on
Spin both front and
backside 4's out K Fed

Women Air

Left and right 3's
with a grab 3 out
of 4 way 5's (no
grab)
one 7 either forward or switch no grab

Rails

Slide both Left and Right
Foot forward Lip Slide on
a rail one direction
270 onto boxes any
one direction Switch
onto rail feature
Front and backside 2's out of rails

PIPE

Men

Spin up and down the pipe 540's above
the lip either wall Flare above the lip
3+Grabs at 5 ft plus

One switch hit above the lip either wall

Woman

Spin up and down the pipe
360's either wall 540 one
direction
2+Grabs above
the lip One
switch hit either
wall
Video footage may be submitted as confirmation of MSL.

Moguls: Selection of Mogul athletes to the Alberta Team will be based off of the Alberta Mogul ranking list. All athletes eligible for selection will be ranked using their 3 highest ranking events, from any FC or FIS sanctioned events of Provincial series level or higher in the current competition season.

Minimum Skill Level:

Athletes to be invited to the Alberta Mogul Team will be selected from athletes who have met the following minimum skill and result level:

- Qualified an inversion on snow
- An Average RPA of 550 across two competitions in the current season

Invitations to the team are at the sole discretion of the AB Freestyle High performance committee. In addition to skill and result level, the committee also considers factors such as

- Club Coach recommendations
- Readiness for the commitment required for the high-performance program
- Ability to travel independently

Based on the requirements of the Alberta Mogul Team and the attribute of the athlete pool from year to year, the RPA and skill level of the athletes who receive invitations may vary above the minimum described above.

Shelf life for Alberta Team - Athletes will be evaluated on an annual basis in order to retain their position on the provincial team.

17.0 ALBERTA TEAM INJURY CLAUSE

If an Alberta athlete becomes injured and is unable to compete due to the injury, the athlete could be awarded a spot on the team in the next competitive season.

- Proper documentation from a medical doctor must be supplied.
- Athletes are only eligible for the "Injury Clause" if they have competed in less than 66% (two thirds) of the competitions offered within a discipline offered in the current competition season due to injury.

Once it is determined an athlete is eligible to use the injury clause they will be ranked on the current season ranking list using their RPA scores from the current season pulling RPA scores from the previous season from the same time frame of injury and from the same caliber of events missed in the current season. If there are still not enough results, then that athlete can use their most recent results to the injury time frame from the previous season. (Injury time frame is the dates in which the athlete was injured and unable to ski.)

The maximum amount of time an athlete can go back to use injury clause shall be one season as of December 1st of the previous season.

If an athlete intends to use the injury clause, they must send written notification and proof to the FA office as soon as they become injured. The

office must also be notified when the athlete is able to return to competition.

Injury Clause request form needs to be filed before the next Provincial event or higher.

18.0 CANADA WEST ALL AREA SKI PASS

A Canada West pass allows high performance athletes to ski at all ski areas in Western Canada. Alberta Freestyle is given the opportunity to distribute a given number of these passes each season.

The Canada West Ski Area Association (CWSAA) establishes total number of passes allocated per discipline and division. The number of passes given to Alberta Freestyle is based on the number of junior age NorAm competitive athlete members in Alberta and the conduct of athletes in previous years. Only FA is empowered to distribute passes to athletes and coaches who must be registered and participating in freestyle clubs or programs within Alberta. Athletes and coaches will be assessed the cost of the pass. For the 2020-21 season the eligible ages were athletes born in 2001 through 2005. Special permission may be obtained for an overage skier with identified potential to make a national team. The FA Executive Director will notify eligible athletes in August.

Passes will be distributed in October to athletes and coaches based on the corresponding discipline ranking list in the following order:

Alberta Team

Athletes who competed in a Noram the previous season

Team Coach(es)

Alberta Ranked athletes who fall among the top 12 males or top 6 females in each Moguls and SS RPA Alberta ranking list from the prior season.

Alberta club coaches with traveling competitive athletes may be randomly drawn if coaching passes become available.

Please Note Freestyle Alberta only puts forth a recommendation all entries must be approved and ultimately decided by CWSAA

Qualifications & Guidelines

A. Overview

The Canada West Ski Areas Association believes that deserving young Ski and Snowboard athletes should be given all the support possible to reach their goal to one day represent Canada in Olympic and Paralympic Games, World Championships or World Cups. For this reason CWSAA created the **All Areas**

Competitor Pass to facilitate eligible athletes' access to western Canada's Ski and Snowboard Resorts for the purpose of training and competition.

All athletes must understand that the use of the competitors pass is a privilege that carries with it the responsibility to represent their respective Sports Discipline in a sportsman-like fashion, showing leadership to their fellow athletes.

B. Who will qualify for a pass in the 2020/2021 season?

1. Competitors belonging to an Accredited National Sports Body in a CWSAA Province or Territory, promoting the sports of Alpine Ski Racing, Ski Cross, Freestyle Skiing and Snowboarding and the equivalent Para-Sports. For greater clarity, 'accredited' means the sports body is representing Canada in Olympic or Paralympic, World Championship and World Cup Competitions.
2. All athletes must be actively training and competing in FIS sanctioned events in disciplines that are part of the Olympic or Paralympic Games, World Championships and World Cups. All athletes must meet the following age eligibility requirements for 2020-21:
 - a) Alpine Skiing and Ski Cross athletes must be born between 2000 and 2004.
 - b) Freestyle Skiing athletes not including Ski Cross must be born between 2001 and 2005.
 - c) Snowboard athletes in Alpine, Snowboard Cross and Big Air must be born between 2001 and 2005.
 - d) Snowboard athletes in Half Pipe and Slopestyle must be born between 2002 and 2006.

Special consideration may be given to athletes up to two years over the base age range or one year younger than the minimum age with a letter from their respective National Sports Organization confirming that the athlete is under serious consideration for nomination to their National Team in the upcoming competition year.

3. There are no age restrictions for carded members of the Canadian Adaptive Ski or Snowboard Team who are permanent residents in one of the Provinces that are part of CWSAA.
4. Travelling Provincial and Club Coaches or Provincial Team Managers may also qualify.

C. Additional Guidelines to be considered for Qualification

1. Athletes must be full and active members of a Ski Racing, Ski Cross, Freestyle skiing or Snowboard Club in one of the CWSAA Provinces or Territories. All athletes must be FIS point holders, or have applied for and be eligible for FIS registration and hold a FIS card at the start of the competition year.
2. Athletes belonging to a Club or attending a Sports Academy located in one of the CWSAA Provinces, but not normally residing in one of those Provinces are eligible to receive a Competitors Pass from the quota of the Province in which they are training and competing.
3. A limited number of Coaches' passes will be available to coaches who travel with their FIS Teams. Passes will be issued to Athletes first and any surplus passes will then be available to coaches. Allotments for coaches will use the same formula as is used to develop athlete quotas. If there are no surplus passes, Provincial or Territorial Sports Organizations (PTSOs) will be allowed to allocate coaches passes from the athlete quota.
4. Competitor Passes are the property of the CWSAA. Unused passes are not automatically available for substitution to another athlete or coach in the same PTSO. Surplus allocation will be returned to the CWSAA for redistribution at the discretion of the Competitor Pass Chair.
5. CWSAA Provinces & Territories include: British Columbia, Yukon, Alberta, Saskatchewan, The Northwest Territories and Manitoba.
6. PTSOs must be Associate members of the CWSAA and in good standing to participate in the Competitor Pass program.

7. Ski Cross athletes who are eligible for a CWSAA Competitors pass will be the responsibility of their respective Provincial or Territorial Alpine Ski Association's quota.
8. Developing sports organizations who do not currently field eligible athletes may apply for special consideration for Competitor Passes by providing a written submission to the Chair of the CWSAA Competitor Pass Committee including their athlete development plan and reasons why their athletes will require Canada West access to ski areas.
9. National Team Athletes wishing to obtain a CWSAA Competitor Pass must meet all the regular criteria and must apply through and be sanctioned by a PTSO.

D. Pass Distribution to Provincial Sports Associations

The distribution of the competitors' passes is based solely on the number of eligible FIS registered athletes by Province or Territory in each of the sports disciplines.

Each provincial discipline will get their percentage of passes based on eligible requests submitted by all Provincial Sports Organizations and out of the total number of passes approved for distribution.

E. Disqualification or Termination

1. An athlete who was disciplined for pass infractions or other disciplinary issues at a host ski area such as breach of the Alpine Skier/Rider Responsibility Code or other irresponsible behavior or who has received sanctions by their PSO may have their Competitor Pass privilege cancelled immediately and may be automatically disqualified from purchasing the Competitors Passes in future years.
2. It is the duty of the respective Provincial Sports Organisation (PSO) to return the pass of any athlete who decides to stop participating in the organised training and competition program of his/her club or provincial team during the season.
3. Any PSO that does not properly monitor its athletes or that knowingly allows athletes to continue using the pass against the above rule will jeopardize their eligibility for future competitor passes.
4. Returned Competitor Passes are non-refundable except in cases of serious injury.
5. If an athlete is injured and can no longer train regularly with their Club in an official return to competition plan they must return their pass.
6. If an athlete is seriously injured during the season and is unable to participate in training or competition, a pro-rated refund of the pass may be available. The pass must be immediately returned to the CWSAA office, together with a detailed doctor's note explaining the athlete's inability to participate for the remainder of the season.

It is within the rights of the Provincial Governing Bodies to disqualify an athlete for other disciplinary reasons besides pass infractions. The cancellation of the All-Area Competitors Pass may be one of the disciplinary actions open to them.

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National Sport School criteria for freestyle skiing sport approval as of December 2012:

That the student athlete be:

- a member of the Alberta Freestyle Provincial Team, or
- ranked top ten among FA freestyle club athletes of age to attend grades 9-12, on an Alberta Freestyle ranking list for moguls, halfpipe or slopestyle, male or female.

The coach of the athlete may be required to complete and submit a talent assessment review as well.